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TAGS: OVIP (VANC, CYRUS R.), XA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA

1. WE WOULD AGREE WITH YOU THAT EVEN IF WE MOVE SWAPO TO ACCEPT OUR PROPOSALS IN THEIR PRESENT OR SLIGHTLY MODIFIED FORM, THE ODDS ARE LESS THAN EVEN THAT WE WILL GET SOUTH AFRICAN AGREEMENT. IN FACT THE ODDS ARE EVEN LESS FAVORABLE.

2. I BELIEVE THE SAG HAS DEFINITELY DECIDED TO PURSUE THE ILLUSION OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. MOREOVER THE SAG HAS EVERY REASON TO
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SUSPECT AND HOP THAT AS YOU SUGGEST, PRESSURE ON THE SAG OVER NAMIBIA IS UNLIKELY, OR IF APPLIED IS LIKELY TO BE INEFFECTIVE.

3. I WOULD DISAGREE WITH YOUR STATEMENT THAT MUCH OF THE REST OF THE WORLD INCLUDING US PUBLIC OPINION WOULD CONCLUDE THAT THE INTERNAL SOLUTION WHICH SOUTH AFRICA PROPOSES IS REASONABLE. THE CASE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, NOT JUST THE CASE OF

SWAPO, RESTS ON STRONG LEGAL, POLITICAL AND MORAL GROUNDS WHICH WE WOULD IGNORE AT OUR PERIL. WE CAN EXPECT SWAPO, THE FRONTLINE, MOST OF THE UN AND THE SOVIETS TO MAKE THAT CASE AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY. MOREOVER, SWAPO IS NOT AS LIMITED IN ITS ABILITY TO DISRUPT AN ELECTION AS YOU SUGGEST. IT DEMONSTRATED ONCE BEFORE THAT IT WOULD MOUNT A SUCCESSFUL BOYCOTT OF ELECTIONS. IT FAILED A SECOND TIME ONLY AFTER MASSIVE INTIMIDATION OF THE ELECTORATE BY SOUTH AFRICA. IT IS TRUE, OF COURSE, THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS AGAIN CAPABLE OF INTIMIDATING THE ELECTORATE BUT IT WILL HAVE TO DO SO WITHIN LIMITS GIVEN ITS DESIRE TO GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF FREE ELECTIONS. THUS, DESPITE AN EXPECTED PROPAGANDA BARRAGE BY SOUTH AFRICA THERE WILL BE LITTLE SUPPORT OUTSIDE OF A FEW WESTERN COUNTRIES AND THESE WILL BE SEEN AS MOTIVATED BY SELFISH ECONOMIC FACTORS. OUR OWN PUBLIC OPINION WILL PROBABLY DIVIDE ALONG THE USUAL LINES. YOU CAN JUDGE FOR YOURSELF WHAT EFFECT OUR FAILURE TO ACT WOULD HAVE UPON OUR EFFORTS ON RHODESIA AND ON THE AFRICAN POLICY WHICH WE HAVE TRIED SO DESPERATELY TO BUILD. I WOULD ONLY ADD THAT KAUNDA NYERER, KHANA AND EVEN FM JORGE ARE TREMENDOUSLY IMPRESSED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SPOKE HIGHLY, PERHAPS TOO HIGHLY OF THEIR EXPECTATION THAT THERE WAS FINALLY AN AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION WILLING TO TAKE A STAND ON THE ISSUES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE ALTERNATIVES BEFORE US, AND THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. IT SHOULD BE THINKING AIMED AT MOVING OUR INITIATIVE AHEAD EVEN AGAINST GREAT ODDS; IT SHOULD NOT BE THINKING AIMED AT JUSTIFYING OUR UNWILLINGNESS TO ACT AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA AS I FEAR IS THE INCLINATION OF OWEN. EASUM UNQTE
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